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Office of the Commander in Chief
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Dear George,

For some time I have been concerned about the organization of the USAREUR forces in Berlin. The current crisis requires that the organization make possible rapid reaction in reporting information and executing directives. Because of the restricted size of the US Sector and its isolated position, every action taken in Berlin, administrative or tactical, bears on the security of the US forces and affects the responsibilities General Watson carries as my representative. Under the present organizational structure, Headquarters, USAREUR issues direct to the Berlin Command many directives that affect General Watson's responsibilities.

Although any organization can work when all members cooperate, and that is the case in Berlin, I do believe that proper organization makes it easier for people to work together. For the reasons I have given above, I am reorganizing the command structure of the USAREUR forces in Berlin, effective 1 December 1961. I am redesignating General Watson's headquarters as Office, US Commander, Berlin and Commanding General, US Army, Berlin, and designating this new headquarters as a USAREUR major command. Headquarters, Berlin Command is being redesignated Headquarters, US Army Berlin Brigade, and assigned to US Army, Berlin as a subordinate unit. General Watson will retain command as USCOB and the reorganization will be within current space limitations and the existing officer grade structure on Berlin.

The reorganization I have directed will further improve the ability of USAREUR forces in Berlin to react rapidly in reporting information and executing directives.

Sincerely,

Bruce
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Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your letter of 17 November informing me of the changes in the command structure of the USAREUR forces in Berlin.

Your change in the title of Berlin Command correlates well with its organization and troop strength, and I am pleased to note that this reorganization will provide more rapid reaction time.

I enjoyed seeing you during the Army Commanders' Conference, and I hope that you found it informative and worthwhile.

With regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/ George

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